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Whitey in waiting. Jurors in the James "Whitey" Bulger murder case deliberated for much of the day yesterday, but left without reaching a verdict. **Attorney analysis**. Legal experts weigh in on what a long deliberation process could mean for the defendant and what issues the jury could be grappling with. PAGE 05

NEW SCHOOL, NO RULES

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Cambridge resident Brooke Newman is proposing a new school in the Boston area where students of all ages will vote on what they want to do each day. The school's students will not be graded, nor will they be tested or separated into classrooms. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

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Alternative school aims to redefine education

New school. No grades, no schedules, no tests, no classrooms — no problem?

Cambridge resident Brooke Newman is one of the forces behind The Joan Rubin School, which would be the first Boston school to use the democratic learning model. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Plans are in the works for a first-of-its-kind, nonprofit day school in the Boston area that will offer an environment that is radically different from the vast majority of public and private schools available.

"One size doesn't fit all when it comes to schools. I think kids in the city need access to a school like this," said Cambridge resident Brooke Newman, 35, who is one of the founders of The Joan Rubin School.

According to school officials, students who attend the school will not be graded, nor will they be tested or separated into classrooms.

There will be no mandated curriculum. Instead, students will engage in "self-directed learning," and will vote on what they want to do each day.

There will also be no summer vacations. Students must only attend the state-required 180 days and 900 hours of learning time — but that is just about the only rule at the school.

"There is no real teaching ... all the learning comes from the intrinsic motivation of the children," said Newman.

Having attended Sudbury Valley School in Framingham, a school that practices a similar democratic learning model, Newman maintains a strong belief that Boston needs the alternative learning environment, which she believes will encourage freedom, trust and respect.

The school may open as soon as September 2014 in a yet-to-be determined location within the Boston area.

After founders select the neighborhood, they will go before that community's school board for approval to open the school, and Newman said they see no reason why they wouldn't get it.

Founders are scouting buildings in Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Jamaica Plain and Roxbury. Once the location is determined, school officials will have a better idea of how much tuition will cost.

"We really want to make it beyond physically accessible. It should be financially accessible," said Newman.

The school, which is named after Sudbury Valley founder Joan Rubin, will be open to students between the ages of 5 and 19, and may take about 200 students. The age groups will not be separated, Newman said. Instead, pupils will be encouraged to mentor and learn from each other.

Although Newman has received a great deal of support, she has grappled with criticism.

"It's hard. It's challenging people's notions of what learning is," she said, pointing to what she calls "the saddest" feedback she's gotten from skeptics.

"I've heard, 'Brooke, you're crazy. Kids better get used to it,' meaning they should get used to sitting at a desk, or having people tell them what to do. That's sad. Is that the world we want? Not just for our children, but for ourselves?"

Co-founders will hold an informational session at the Cambridge Public Library on Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Quoted

"I realize it's a radical leap for some people, but I think a lot of people are willing to take that leap."

Newman

Typical day at school

Although it's hard to nail down exactly what a typical day at The Joan Rubin School would be like, Newman said the students will have access to a variety of activities.

- "It could be kids out playing four square, some kids alone reading or working in a wood shop, making music — anything that any of them want to do. Lots of playing. If they want to learn something specific, they can either access it through the Internet or staff members, or the community surrounding us."

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Arraignment. Bail set for alleged hospital shooter

A Marblehead man who allegedly shot a Middlesex County sheriff's deputy was arraigned in his hospital bed yesterday.

Raymond Wallace, 36, pleaded not guilty. He was ordered held on $1 million bail, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office said.

Wallace was somehow able to free himself from restraints while using a restroom at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. He tried to escape and during a struggle gained control of the deputy's gun and allegedly shot him in the leg. Another deputy then shot Wallace three times.

MICHAEL NAUGHTON

Traffic change

Longfellow Bridge rehab to break ground

Officials today will break ground on a $255.5 million rehabilitation of the Longfellow Bridge. The three-and-a-half-year project will address structural deficiencies and bring the bridge up to code. METRO

Political party

Markey to hold Faneuil Hall 'swearing-in'

The state's recently-elected senator will celebrate his new title with a ceremonial swearing-in at Faneuil Hall on Thursday night.

Sen. Ed Markey is expected to be joined by hundreds of supporters.

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Markey was officially sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden last month. METRO

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Break-ins

Teen charged in burglary may be tied to others

After a yearlong investigation, police have determined that a 13-year-old boy is responsible for a 2012 home burglary in Tyngsboro. The boy now is under investigation for several other break-ins. **METRO**

Bullying

School sued for ignoring bullying

A former Concord-Carlisle High School student is suing the school for ignoring her pleas for help regarding the excessive bullying she experienced as a student.

The $2 million lawsuit claims Isabella "Belle" Hankey, 18, was the victim of death threats and had her car defaced with slurs and feces, according to the Globe. Because of the bullying, she suffered a pulmonary embolism and was forced to finish out her senior year in an alternative school.

Each instance was reported to school administrators, according to the suit, but the school allegedly took no action and destroyed records of the bullying. **GLOBE**

Concord-Carlisle High School
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Pooper snooper. Dog poop DNA testing keeps condos clean and green

A Braintree condominium association has taken a new approach to ensuring dog owners pick up after their pets — testing DNA in doggie droppings.

For the last month, Devon Wood condominiums has enjoyed a nearly poop-free property thanks to DNA samples taken from all 53 resident dogs. The samples act as a deterrent to keep lackadaisical pet owners from turning a blind eye to their pets' waste.

"I laughed myself silly at first — just the idea of it," said Barbara Kansky, the association's general manager. "But it's been terrific. It really makes a difference."

Kansky brought the new practice to Devon Wood after learning that it had been successful at other properties in the U.S.

Dog owners were required to pay a one-time $60 fee to submit their dog's DNA into the PooPrints USA database.

From now on, all droppings on the property are tested, and if a match comes back, the owner has to pay a $50 testing fee and a $100 penalty. **MORGAN ROUSSEAU**

Hiroshima is remembered

Members of Massachusetts Peace Action held a solemn march through Cambridge yesterday in remembrance of Hiroshima Day, which this year marked the 68th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan. The event also featured music, dance, a film screening and a panel discussion. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

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Whitey trial. Experts say long deliberations don't always mean jury doubts

The jury deciding the fate of James "Whitey" Bulger deliberated for much of the court day yesterday, but left without reaching a verdict.

Legal experts said that generally, the longer a jury takes before reaching a verdict, the more favorable it becomes for the defense. However, the Bulger case is complicated and unique with its 32-count indictment.

"If the jury is out a long time, I don't think it's because they would be possessed with a great deal of reasonable doubt," said Boston-area attorney William D. Kickham. "Some of these charges concerning racketeering and money laundering can be very complicated for a lay person to understand." When the jury does finish deliberating, it will likely come back with guilty pleas, said former state and federal prosecutor Brad Bailey.

Bailey, who now works as a criminal defense attorney, said the government presented a compelling case and that the evidence went more smoothly than even the prosecutors likely anticipated.

"It would certainly be a surprise if they came back with anything other than guilty verdicts," said Bailey. "However, you never know, because all it takes is one juror out of 12 to hang up an entire case."

MICHAEL NAUGHTON

Jury charge

The jury in the trial of the 83-year-old alleged mob boss, who is accused of instilling fear in the Southie neighborhood, finished its first day of deliberations yesterday without reaching a verdict.

- After spending more than five hours deliberating yesterday, the jury will get back to work today.

Photographer gets tanked at the Aquarium

National Geographic underwater photographer Brian Skerry of Uxbridge dove into the Giant Ocean Tank at the New England Aquarium with his camera yesterday for a up close look at the marine life. After a 10-month, $17.3 million top-to-bottom renovation, the tank is now home to more than 2,000 aquatic animals from 140 species, making it one of the most biodiverse in the world. Skerry gave visitors commentary over the Aquarium's new audio system about what he saw in the coral reef. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Retro brew

'Gansett releases 'Jaws' beer cans

Beer-drinking hipsters rejoice! Narragansett Beer announced today that it is re-releasing for a limited time its brew in retro cans to coincide with Discovery Channel's Shark Week. The retro design was featured in the classic movie "Jaws." METRO

Getting gassy

GOP plans ballot push on gas tax

Republican lawmakers who have been thwarted by Democratic leaders in their attempts to prevent the gas tax from rising with inflation announced plans yesterday to place a measure on the 2014 ballot repealing the new state law. The law passed in July raises taxes by $500 million a year, including a 3-cent increase to the state's 23.5 cent tax on a gallon of gas. SHNS

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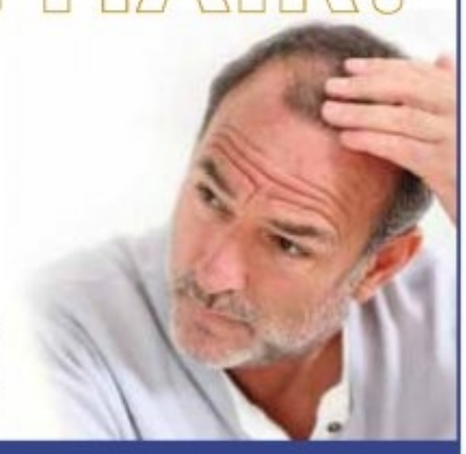

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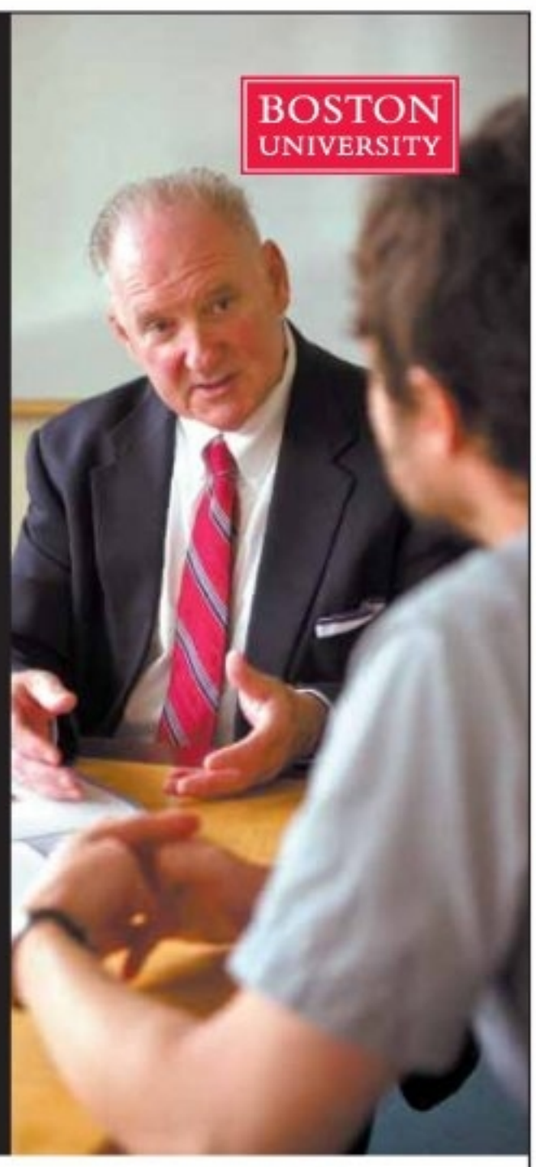

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Local official, two others shot dead in rural land dispute

Pennsylvania. The deadly dispute was over a condemned property, police say.

A zoning official and two local residents were shot dead when a man losing his condemned home in rural Pennsylvania shot his way into a town hall meeting, authorities said yesterday.

Rockne Newell, 59, targeted those he blamed for losing his property, which was condemned in a dispute over sewage, said Monroe County District Attorney E. David Christine Jr.

Killed in Monday night's assault on the monthly meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors were zoning officer David Fleetwood, 62, and James LaGuardia, 64, and Gerard Kozic, 53, residents of Saylorsburg who were awaiting their turn to conduct business before the board, Monroe County Coroner Robert Allen said.

Court documents showed that Newell has been sparring with local officials for more than 17 years over the Ross Township property and property in nearby Hamilton Township.

Both are small towns about 90 miles north of Philadelphia. REUTERS

Witness account

Eighteen board officials and residents were at the meeting at Ross Township's municipal building when the shooting occurred, police said.

- The Pocono Record newspaper reported that the shots had been fired through a wall and into the meeting.
- "I saw smoke and plaster flying out, blowing out through the walls," reporter Chris Reber wrote in a firsthand account of the shooting. The noise was "like a string of firecrackers."

CDC report

Turning tide in childhood obesity rates

The obesity rate among low-income children between the ages of 2 and 4 is falling in 19 U.S. states and territories after having doubled in the past 30 years, a report shows. Although the declines were small in most cases, officials from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said they were a sign of progress.

Obesity rates fell by more than 1 percentage point in Florida, Georgia, Missouri, New Jersey, South Dakota and the U.S. Virgin Islands from 2008 to 2011, and by smaller amounts in 13 other states. REUTERS

Man charged with murder in car rampage on boardwalk

A Colorado man accused of plowing his car through crowds at the Venice Beach boardwalk in Los Angeles, killing an Italian woman on her honeymoon and injuring 11 other people, was charged with murder and assault with a deadly weapon yesterday. Nathan Louis Campbell, 38, who was arrested following the carnage on Saturday night, was also charged with 17 counts of hit-and-run, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said in a statement. REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES

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US tells citizens in Yemen to evacuate immediately

High threat. Britain also withdrew all staff from its embassy in the capital Sanaa.

The United States told its citizens in Yemen yesterday to leave immediately and airlifted out some U.S. government personnel, following warnings of potential attacks that have pushed Washington to shut diplomatic missions across the Middle East.

The poorest Arab country, Yemen is the base for Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), one of the most active branches of the network founded by Osama bin Laden, and militants have launched attacks from there against the West.

U.S. sources have told Reuters that intercepted communication between bin Laden's successor as al Qaeda leader, Ayman al-Zawahri, and the Yemen-based wing was one part of the intelligence behind their alert last week.

Yemen is one of a handful of countries where Washington acknowledges targeting militants with strikes by drone aircraft.

The U.S. State Department's announcement urging Americans to leave the country follows a worldwide travel alert on Friday which prompted Washington to shut diplomatic missions across the Middle East and Africa. Some of its European allies have also closed their embassies in Yemen.

Restoring stability to Yemen — a country close to major shipping lanes and torn by regional and sectarian separatism and tribal violence as well as the al Qaeda insurgency — has been a priority for the United States.

Previous U.S. travel warnings to Yemen had also advised citizens not travel to the country, but the language of the latest announcement appeared to reflect a more imminent threat.

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"The Department urges U.S. citizens to defer travel to Yemen and those U.S. citizens currently living in Yemen to depart immediately."

Statement posted on the U.S. State Department website

Yemeni soldiers control vehicles near Sanaa International Airport yesterday in Yemen. / GETTY IMAGES

Vehicle strike

Drone strike kills four suspected al Qaeda militants

At least four suspected al Qaeda members were killed in a drone strike in central Yemen, local tribal leaders said yesterday, following a U.S. warning of a possible major militant attack in the region.

The Yemeni tribal leaders said five missiles struck a vehicle traveling in Maarib Province in yesterday's strike, killing all of its occupants.

State news agency Saba also said initial reports indicated that four suspected al Qaeda militants were killed in the air strike in Maarib.

Drone strikes on suspected al Qaeda targets in Yemen are usually carried out by U.S. forces, although Washington does not comment publicly on the practice.

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Leak case. Judge cuts potential sentence for WikiLeaks soldier

A U.S. military judge reduced potential prison time for Pfc. Bradley Manning to 90 years from 136 years yesterday by ruling that some sentences for leaking secret files to WikiLeaks should be merged.

Court-martial Judge Col. Denise Lind convicted Manning last week on 19 criminal counts, including espionage and theft, for providing more than 700,000 secret files to WikiLeaks in the largest unauthorized release of secret data in U.S. history.

Lind ruled that some counts resulted from the same offenses and should be merged to avoid "an unreasonable multiplication of charges." REUTERS

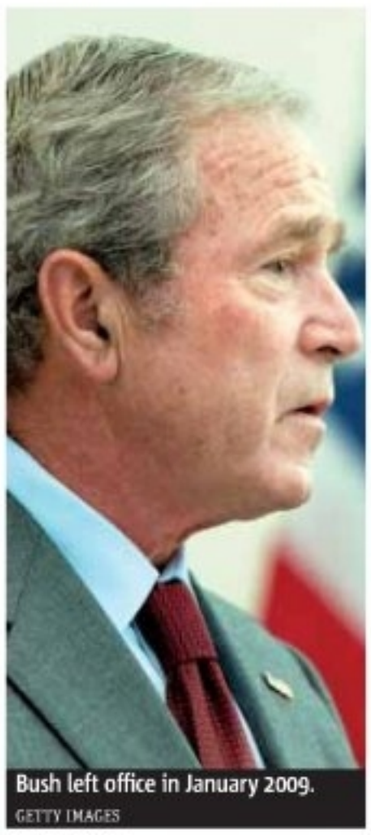
Civilian workers

Pentagon near decision to cut unpaid leave

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced yesterday he was slashing the amount of unpaid leave that 650,000 civilian employees were ordered to take this year from 11 days to six in an effort to limit the pain from across-the-board budget cuts.

But Hagel, in a statement, warned that persistent budget uncertainty could mean more hardship in the year to come. REUTERS

George W. Bush receives stent for blocked artery



Bush left office in January 2009. GETTY IMAGES

Fit to lead. Bush was known as a fitness enthusiast during his two terms.

Former U.S. president George W. Bush underwent successful surgery at a Dallas hospital yesterday to place a stent in a blocked heart artery.

Doctors discovered the blockage on Monday during Bush's annual physical at the Cooper Clinic in Dallas, according to a statement from spokesman Freddy Ford. They recommended a stent to open the blockage, and Bush, 67, underwent surgery yesterday morning at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, the statement said.

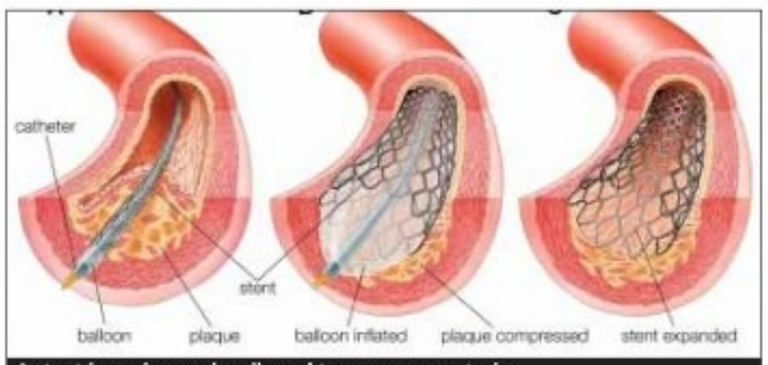
Bush was "in high spirits, eager to return home tomorrow and resume his normal schedule tomorrow," Ford said.

Since leaving the White House, Bush has participated three times in the 62-mile Warrior 100K bike ride along with 20 wounded military veterans.

As president, Bush introduced the Adult Fitness Challenge and the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. The website askthetrainer.com named him the most physically fit president in U.S. history.

Typically, the procedure Bush had involves inserting a narrow, balloon-tipped tube called a catheter through a puncture in the arm or thigh and snaking it through the vascular system and into the heart.

Newer stents are usually infused with medicine that prevents scar tissue from forming and re-blocking the artery. REUTERS



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Python kills two Canadian boys in bed as they slept

Deadly. According to the National Post, African rock pythons are known to kill humans.

Autopsies were scheduled today for two boys in New Brunswick, Canada, who were found strangled to death by a snake that escaped from an exotic pet store located beneath the apartment where they were sleeping.

According to police, the snake, an African rock python, escaped its cage at the Reptile Ocean store and got into the building's ventilation system. It then made its way to the upstairs apartment, where the young boys were having a slumber party with the son of the store's owner, Jean-Claude Savoie.

The boys, Connor and Noah Barthe, were brothers ages 5 and 7 years old.

Savoie found the boys strangled when he went to check on them Monday morning, he told Global News.

"My body is in shock. I don't know what to think," he said.

According to a statement by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the snake has been captured and is in police possession.

"It's very rare that pythons kill humans, but not unheard of. It occasionally happens if the circumstances are just right. Oftentimes, it's just kind of a perfect storm where you get a big hungry snake in close proximity to humans," Ian Recchio, curator of reptiles and amphibians at the Los Angeles Zoo told National Geographic.

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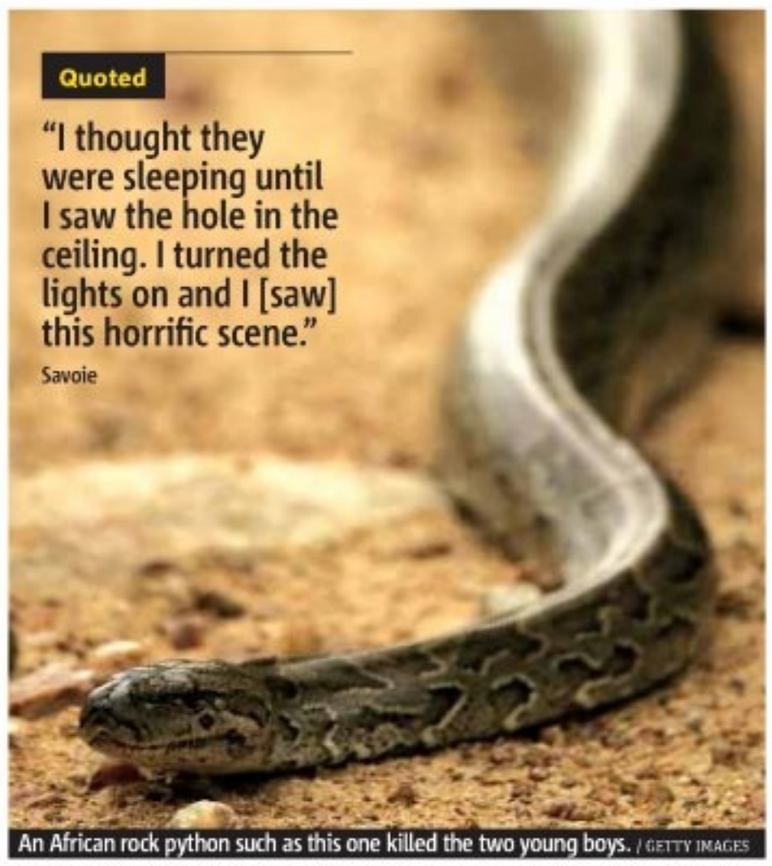
"I thought they were sleeping until I saw the hole in the ceiling. I turned the lights on and I [saw] this horrific scene."
Savoie



An African rock python such as this one killed the two young boys. / GETTY IMAGES

Maternal milk

French woman offers service breast-feeding for gay parents

A woman has posted an offer on a French website to breast-feed babies of homosexual male couples, stirring up media interest just weeks after a divisive same-sex marriage law was passed.

The post, which the website said it verified as genuine and legal, reads: "I am a young mother in perfect health, a trained nurse of 29, and I am renting my breasts to milk-feed infants."

The offer addressed male homosexual couples, who can marry legally in France since May. REUTERS

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The woman posted she would breast-feed for $130 a day.

View and tweet

Nielsen study links Twitter chatter with TV ratings

A frenzy of Twitter chatter about a program generally means more viewers are tuning in, while more popular shows generate more Twitter activity, a study by Nielsen has found.

The firm says that for the first time it has proved with statistical rigor what many in the media business have suspected in recent years: A show's ratings and the magnitude of its Twitter buzz are correlated.

The findings will be announced by Nielsen as it prepares to unveil a new ratings system tied to Twitter.

Nielsen and Twitter are set to begin publishing a new "Nielsen Twitter TV Rating" that measures the volume of Twitter chatter about programs. REUTERS

"I figured hey, I'm young, if I get a cough or the flu I'll just buy medicine at the drug store. Then I went to see the doctor. And learned that the lump I felt was breast cancer. They caught it in time... and today, I've got Chase."

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Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Judd Apatow doesn't like having so many choice and Olivia Wilde is looking back.

@JuddApatow: Feels like there is too much of everything. I kind of liked it better when there were seven channels and 9 wasn't a good one.

@oliviawilde: Has it really been 10 yrs since we soaped up tv screens with The OC? Jesus. Was that legal? I remember lots of bronzer and kissing.

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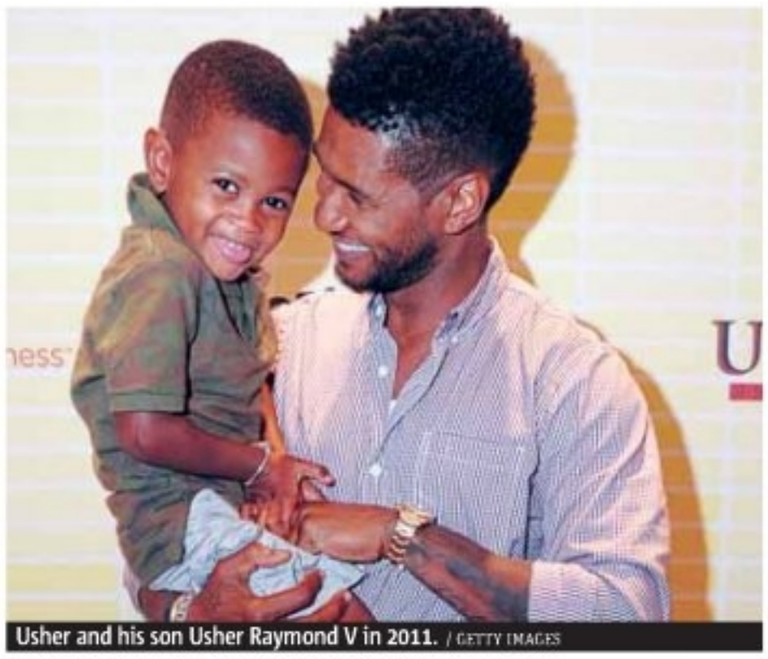
Usher's son in hospital

Sad news today from Atlanta: Usher's son with ex-wife Tameka Raymond, Usher Raymond V, is in the ICU due to almost drowning in the singer's pool.

According to TMZ, the 5-year-old dove into the family pool to fish a toy caught in the drain, catching his hand and trapping him. His aunt immediately dove in but couldn't pull him out. A maid also tried to free the child. Finally, two men working on the house were able to pull him loose. Usher, who was not home at the time of the accident, was able to return home in time to ride in the ambulance with his son.

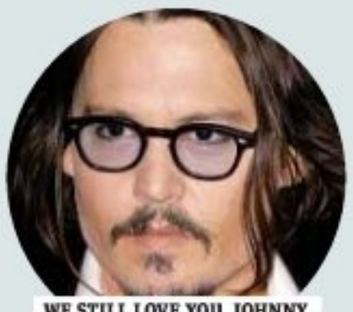
This is the last thing the Raymond family needs. Tameka's son from a previous relationship, Kile, died last year from jet-ski accident.



Usher and his son Usher Raymond V in 2011. / GETTY IMAGES

Talking point

Depp on 'The Lone Ranger' flop



WE STILL LOVE YOU, JOHNNY. GETTY IMAGES

Johnny Depp has a theory of his own as to why 'The Lone Ranger" fizzled at the box office: It's the critics' fault. "I think the reviews were written seven to eight months before we released the film," Depp tells Variety. "I think the reviews were written when they heard [director] Gore [Verbinski] and [producer] Jerry [Bruckheimer] and me were going to do 'The Lone Ranger.' They had expectations that it must be a blockbuster. I didn't have any expectations of that. I never do."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Oprah: 'No one is going to call me the "N-word"'

File this under "no s—": Oprah Winfrey says no one is going to call her the N-word.

The entertainment mogul spoke to "Entertainment Tonight" about the controversy that enveloped Paula Deen. "In time she will be fine. For me, it all just felt kind of sad."

And then Winfrey spoke the truth: "Nobody in their right mind is going to call me the N-word." No kidding! Can you even imagine the fiery death of that person?!

You don't want to make Oprah angry. / FILMMAGIC

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Al Roker actually overslept

After 39 years, it was bound to happen — Al Roker overslept on Tuesday morning, missing his 6 a.m. early morning show, "Wake Up With Al," on The Weather Channel.

"After 39 years, it happened," tweeted Roker, 58. "I overslept and missed a show." He did, however, make it to "Today." The morning show's host, Matt Lauer, had this quip: "I tweeted out Rip Van Roker, and I'm getting a lot of tweets back saying a lot of people though it was RIP Al Roker.

"Read carefully!"

EVEN AL ROKER SOMETIMES OVERSLEEPS. / GETTY IMAGES

Move over, Mickey

Here's a nice dose of adorable for your Wednesday morning. Shane Willmott of Australia is training mice to skateboard. According to Metro UK, Willmott begins training his four-legged friends "before their eyes even open," by pulling them around on tiny skateboards. He eventually upgrades them to ramps and even fire-ringed hoops. Serious question, though: Shouldn't they be wearing adorable, mouse-sized helmets? / NEWSPIX VIA GETTY IMAGES

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Wild horses could take your breath away

Theater. Cavalia's "Odysseo" is a stunning equine version of "Cirque du Soleil."

This horse is the real star of the show. / FRANÇOIS BERGERON

Sixty-seven horses won't fit on just any stage (moreover, they won't fit on many stages), so the creative team behind Cavalia's "Odysseo" built the largest big top tent in the world beneath which to stage their show.

"First, we wanted the horses to feel like the stage is a playground," says show creator Normand Latourell. "The second reason for such a huge stage is that we wanted to recreate nature."

A digital backdrop the size of three IMAX theater screens projects landscapes ranging from dense forests to sweeping canyons across the giant stage.

The production, which Latourell calls "a marriage between acrobatics and equestrian arts," depicts the history of humankind. But why use horses to tell this story?

"Horses have been a part of our world for 5,000 years," he explains. "Looking at the history of the horse is looking at the history of humanity. It was easy to create a show around that. Of course, in the show, there's nothing easy."

"It's like 'Cirque du Soleil' with horses," says Latourell, when asked to describe "Odysseo" in a nutshell. Latourell is an original "Cirque du Soleil" co-founder, so he knows what he's talking about.

In one feat, a herd of stallions — notoriously stunning, but unruly — moves fluidly, and rather miraculously, as one being.

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Meet Kathryn Hahn, the class clown

Future star. The actress talks about the move from drama to comedy.

Kathryn Hahn, who steals "We're the Millers," is poised for even greener pastures. / GETTY IMAGES

On prepping for her character: "For some reason I decided she had to have cumbersome, maternal boobs. So I put on fake big boobs. I grew up in Ohio. I have a very soft spot for this type of woman — open, food always out, always up for a family weekend away at a campground. I just know this woman and love her so much."

On working with a lot of the same people over and over again (Nick Offerman and Will Ferrell, each twice; Jennifer Aniston, thrice; Paul Rudd, four times): "You want to work with people you dig, but also people you not only respect but would feel safe with. You have to feel comfortable with grabbing each other's boobs, for example [as she does to Aniston in "Millers"]."

On being a dramatic actress who never thought of herself as a comic actress: "I was always the class clown. I've never been cast as the ingenue. It was always as the grandma. I should have known that somewhere in there, comedy was in my cards. I've been able to go back and forth, which is my favorite thing about my job. I would never deem myself an improv comedian or a stand-up. I'm still waiting for them to go, 'What are you doing here?'"

On entering the world of comedy: "They all make it incredibly easy. More than anything they're the most decent human beings. They're not on all the time. It's not exhausting. When I first met Will Ferrell, I was so nervous, even more so than if I had been meeting the president. I didn't think I could open my mouth because I would never say anything funny ever again. But they just allow freedom in that environment. You can't make a wrong move.

On Peter Bogdanovich: "He has that gorgeous cravat on at all times. If it's hot, he'll dip it in ice water."

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Who is Kathryn Hahn?

- **Known for:** Throwing herself on an asexual John C. Reilly in "Step Brothers," playing Paul Rudd's fearless campaign manager on "Parks and Recreation"
- **Now:** Stealing "We're the Millers" as an overly gregarious and perky suburban mom
- **Soon:** A lead role in "Afternoon Delight," key roles in Ben Stiller's "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," Peter Bogdanovich's "Squirrel to the Nuts" and Showtime's "Trending Down" with Philip Seymour Hoffman

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Kitsch. These aren't your grandma's pink lawn flamingos.

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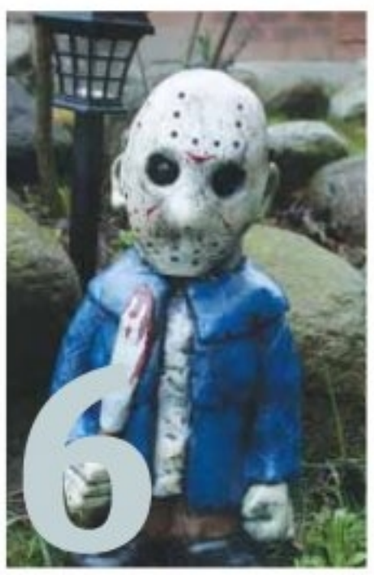

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Lawn ornaments

Zombie flamingo

Flamingos. The ubiquitous pink birds pop up like crabgrass, but are only acceptable ornaments in Florida retirement communities. A zombie flamingo, on the other hand, is a more creative pick. Trading plush feathers for a stripped-bare skeleton, it's lawn decor straight out of The Flocking Dead. www.zombiesplayground.com

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2 Just when you thought it was safe to go back on the lawn, sculptor Martin Pool is offering a menagerie of animal-inspired, low-lying ornaments, like this **Killer Whale Fin**. (Which makes us hear the "Jaws" theme, even if it's based on Shamu.) Other options include hippos and crocodiles playing peek-a-boo through the grass. **www.etsy.com/uk/shop/martsart**

3 No, you're not stoned. UK-based company Vivid Arts actually has a line of **Non-Sense Ornaments**, resin rocks featuring random body parts peeking through a "zipper." The line has a sniffing nose, grinning teeth, pouting lips, and glaring eyes, to name a few. Thankfully, all the unzipped anatomy is from above the waistline. **www.gardensite.co.uk**

4 Moles burrowing under your lawn create an eyesore. But with **The Dweller Below**, artist Liam Manchester has created an (awesomely creepy) eye-catcher: a mysterious lurker popping up from your grass as if through a manhole. It's available through Design Toscano, which has a market cornered on out-there garden ornaments like aliens and Bigfoot. **www.designtoscano.com**

5 Behold! What mysterious peoples planted these heads on your lawn? For what purpose and to what end? How were ornaments of such massive size moved by early settlers of the cul-de-sac? These are the questions National Geographic readers will ask upon scoping your **Mega Easter Island Head**, a replica of the famously enigmatic South Pacific statues. **www.cmcaquatics.co.uk**

6 You don't need to live on Elm Street to give your neighbor **Garden Nightmares**. That's the lawn line from the twisted minds at Ontario-based RevenantFX, based on cinematic psychos like razor-clawed Freddy Krueger, hockey mask model Jason Voorhees and Halloween stalker Michael Myers. Note: Now is not a good time to investigate the strange noise outside. **www.revenantfx.com**

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A "Lost" iPhone Returns Home

By Attorney George Warshaw

You know the story. You put your phone down somewhere and it's gone. Well here's how one "lost" phone got retrieved. I'll call the victim, "Vic".

Vic's iPhone vanished at the gym. But Vic had installed one of those find my phone apps on her iPhone and on her iPad.

Vic opened the app on her iPad, selected the iPhone, located it precisely on a map, knew it was not lost, and went into action.

The app has a feature where you can make a loud noise to try and locate the phone, helpful if the phone is under your couch. It's also excellent for annoying someone who stole the phone since the phone cannot be turned off.

The app has the option of putting the phone into "lost mode," locking the phone remotely with a 4 digit pass code you set. Vic then chose a message to display on the locked screen to request the phone be returned to the gym where it had been stolen

The message also stated that a police report had been filed and the location of the phone reported.

Vic then triggered the loud phone locator noise a number of times to be sure the message would be read and continually annoying.

The phone was "found" at the gym the next morning! Miracle of technology! © 2013 George Warshaw.

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This week in health

She isn't the only one whose libido may drop after having a baby. / GETTY IMAGES

Postpartum libido swings can affect both parents

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: 114 parents
Results: Both men and women can experience a shifting libido after childbirth, according to a study published in The Journal of Sexual Medicine. Hormonal changes that accompany pregnancy, birth and breastfeeding affect sexual desire, but the study found that partners experience shifts in sexuality, too.
Significance: "We have come to recognize that sexual health of one partner may be related to the sexual health of the other," explained Irwin Goldstein, editor-in-chief of The Journal of Sexual Medicine.

Extrovert mothers are more likely to successfully breastfeed

Location of study: U.K.
Study subjects: 602 mothers with infants aged 6 to 12 months
Results: Mothers who are more extroverted and less anxious are more likely to breastfeed than mothers who are introverted or anxious, states an article published in the Journal of Advanced Nursing. Extrovert mothers are more likely to feel confident breastfeeding and find it easier to overcome problems or find the right support, which is linked to breastfeeding success.
Significance: The importance of not resorting to baby formula is stressed for health of babies and mothers: Breastfed babies have lower levels of infections and allergies and are less likely to be overweight. And mothers who breastfeed are less likely to develop certain cancers.

Intestinal bacteria is good for mental health

Location of study: France
Study subjects: Mice
Results: It seems that intestinal bacteria is not just good for keeping the colon and digestive system healthy, but the human microbiome — a variety of symbiotic bacteria and viruses that co-exist in our bodies — aids mental health, too. These new findings were published online at the National Institutes of Health website. According to researchers, probiotic supplements can potentially restore the natural gut microbiome and reduce aggression, anxiety, depression and other mild psychiatric symptoms. The Western diet, which is high in inflammation-promoting foods, is one cause of a depletion of the microbiome. Antibiotics and stress contribute too.
Significance: An imbalance of intestinal flora disrupts the immune system. One school of thought is that depletion of the flora then promotes what is known as "auto-intoxication," which in turn contributes to mental illness.
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Look of the Month – Vintage Pin Curls

Brought to you by the professionals at Dellaria Salons.

This month's tutorial teaches you how to create vintage pin curls that we so often see celebrities sporting on the red carpet. This easy to achieve look is extremely flattering and can really dress up a cocktail dress for a special night out. Below, Kristen of our Kenmore Square location will walk you through how to achieve this look at home. Make sure you stop by your local Dellaria Salon for all of the best Framesi hair care products!

The tools you will need for this look are:

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- ID Set.Up Clay Styling Paste
- One-Inch Curling Iron
- Pin Curls • A Flat Brush • Bobby Pins

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Using the same iron, repeat this process for all of your hair, curling all the hair forward, towards the face. Begin at the bottom and work in sections. The tighter and smaller the curls, the longer they will hold!

Once all the hair is curled, spray with Framesi Be Yourself Mist Spray Light (or Strong if you have fine, straight hair), and let the hair cool down for a few minutes.

Gently remove the pins once cooled, skipping the curls at the very front of your face.

Next, using a flat brush, carefully brush the curls out, guiding them forward, towards the face. Brush your hair gently, until they the curls fall into loose waves.

Now, unpin the curls in the front section, and brush them up and to the side. Pin them in place. Once hair is in place, use ID Set Up Clay Styling Paste to smooth anyway flyways around the hairline. Finish with Be Yourself Mist Spray Light or Strong, and you're done!

(Featuring tips by Kristen of our Kenmore Square Dellaria Salon)

Kristen has been working with Dellaria Salons for the past 5 years at the Kenmore Square location. She graduated from MassArt and loves being able to express herself artistically through styling hair! Kristen specializes in color, (especially reds!) formal styling, and men's hair.

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♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Be extremely careful as to how you delegate assignments. If you select the wrong person for the job, you could end up with a big mess on your hands.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
Don't let yourself get drawn into a disagreement between two friends. Regardless of which pal you side up with, your involvement will only cause more trouble.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
Just because things are going smoothly at present, don't be indifferent to an important matter. Complacence could be your worst enemy.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
It's always smart to be extra careful about what you put in writing and to keep close track of the details of past agreements. Tread carefully.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Don't look for much help regarding a financial problem. Unfortunately, you'll have to take care of matters all by yourself. Do your best; things will eventually get better.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.
If you're thinking about teaming up with somebody for a special endeavor, be sure that your partner can make a worthwhile contribution. You don't want to be saddled with dead weight.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.
This might not be a good day to get involved in something that requires total concentration and consistency. These qualities might not be your strong suit at present.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
If, for some reason, you're feeling reluctant to attend a social engagement, it might be better to pass it up rather than go and make a bad impression.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.
Don't depend on Lady Luck to intervene and help you out; you're on your own this time. If you hope to get what you want, roll up your sleeves and get to work.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.
It's best that you more or less keep your trap shut today because there is a good chance your comments will be misconstrued and cause you to be seen as the bad guy.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.
More discipline than usual might be required if you're going to stay on budget. Extravagant urges could easily overpower you.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.
If you find yourself making a legal commitment, be sure to get the very best counsel available. It wouldn't be wise to depend solely on your own judgment. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Letters

A Shakespeare classic that was just dying for a sequel

Re: 'Where Romeo and Juliet ended' (Metro, Aug. 6) I just wanted to thank you guys for putting the "Romeo and Juliet" sequel on the front page yesterday.

Everything in that article from the name of the book ("Still Star-Crossed"... was Romeo's Revenge already taken?) to the author's indication that she "didn't do as much research as you might think" had me laughing all through my subway ride.

Personally, I've always thought "Romeo and Juliet" ended on a bit of an unfinished note, what with the two main characters dead and everything.

Thank goodness someone FINALLY took the time to finish Shakespeare's most obviously incomplete story line. COMEDY GOLD!

TONY NGUYEN, VIA EMAIL

A-Rod's ship is sunk

Alex Rodriguez's big mouth has gotten him in trouble again. He spoke in a negative way toward MLB and Yankees management. I served in the U.S. Navy, and we had a slogan that says, "Loose lips sink ships." This I believe applies to Alex Rodriguez who suffers from bad choices, along with not knowing when to shut up. His ship has now sailed and is now suspended. What a shame, he had so much he could have given to the game and instead shamed the name of the game. Our youth must be greatly disappointed that another role model has cheated to win fame and fortune.

Baseball greats of the past must be looking down from that big diamond in the sky with tears in their eyes saying, "Say it ain't so, A-Rod!"

FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA EMAIL

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9 Gymnast's stickum
14 Hubbard of sci-fi (2 wds.)
15 Crazy
16 Rust or patina
17 Bed-and-breakfasts
18 Dapper
19 Range sizes
20 Casual chair
22 Expressions
24 Mr. Goldfinger
26 Above, in verse
27 Disdains
30 Stint in the pen (2 wds.)
35 Held dear
36 Shift or cope
37 Where Socrates strolled
38 Polar cap
39 Wire-haired pooch
42 Part of GPA
43 Yardstick
45 Claw or talon
46 Kate's sitcom friend
48 Arches, maybe
50 Dingier
51 Medico
52 Pores
54 Wild felines
58 Bogs
62 Did road work
63 Tax pros
65 Dame — Chaplin
66 Cards above deuces
67 Long sighs
68 Furry Jedi ally
69 Brash
70 Waiter's burden
71 Lox locale

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2 Sarah — Jewett
3 Gossipy Barrett
4 Trap
5 Hitching posts?
6 Welsh dog
7 601, to Caesar
8 Free pass
9 Laughed heartily
10 Low-tech haulers
11 Business salutation
12 — fixe
13 Monster's loch
21 Cake-pan type
23 Throng
25 Treasure
27 Open-back shoe
28 Hot drink
29 In plain view
31 Indigo dye
32 Tiber's country
33 Blockbuster
34 Rah-rah
36 Skirmish
40 Pass, in Congress
41 Less cooked
44 Jumbles
47 Practiced for a rodeo
49 Grovelike
50 Slick
53 Insurance center
54 Makes choices
55 Irene of "Fame"
56 Nights, in classifieds
57 A word to kitty
59 Sewing machine
inventor
60 Organic compound
61 Wine served warm
64 Golf score

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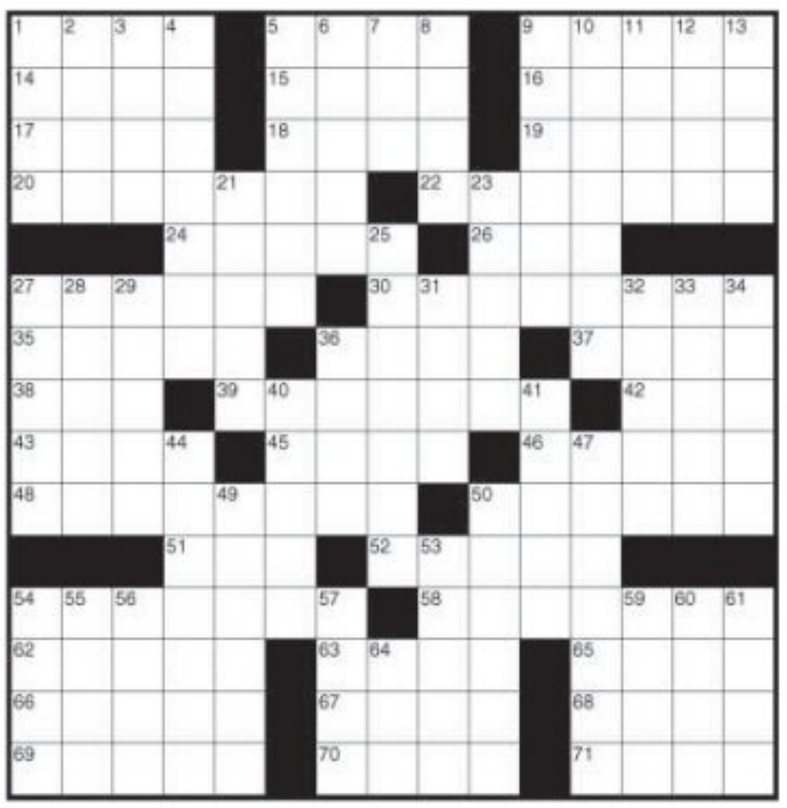

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Brady, Amendola locked in

NFL. The Patriots' offense looked as good as ever in its first showing against an NFL defense in 2013.

On the day the "music died" at the Philadelphia Eagles' NovaCare complex, Tom Brady still conducted a symphony.

Facing unfamiliar Eagles' green and white uniforms rather than his fellow Patriots' blue in the first of three workouts prior to Friday's preseason opener, the 36-year-old Brady was still a maestro behind center.

No Wes Welker, Rob Gronkowski, Brandon Lloyd, Danny Woodhead or, of course, Aaron Hernandez for receivers. No problem. You got the feeling Brady could've picked five people out of the hundreds in the stands, lined them up, then tossed them the ball without skipping a beat.

"Anytime you have new players that you have to incorporate, our offense has been our offense for a long time — ever since I got here — and different players have come and we've always adapted to the guys that we have and what they're able to do best," Brady said following a 2 1/2-hour session. "That's what we're going to continue to try to do and hopefully the guys can come in and create a role for themselves. I would say we have a long way to go and we're doing some good things and some things that we need to eliminate.

Danny Amendola / BOSTON GLOBE

"But I really enjoyed today's day of work," he added.

He'll get another shot at Philadelphia's revamped secondary today, leading up to Friday's game (7:30 p.m., WBZ-TV 4).

While going up against Brady will faze any defense, having to do without the loud music that has been a fixture of new Eagles coach Chip Kelly's brief tenure here was an even bigger adjustment. That's where Bill Belichick came in, deciding he preferred the sounds of silence over Kelly's ear-splitting mini-concerts.

"No music was weird," admitted Eagles linebacker DeMeco Ryans. "It took us awhile to get going."

Nothing seemed to bother Brady and his new corps of receivers, particularly Danny Amendola, who will attempt to fill Welker's spikes after catching 63 passes for 666 yards and three touchdowns in just 11 games last season for the Rams.

"We're all excited to be here," said Amendola. "We still have a lot of things to work on. But it feels good to get stuff down. We're still working the kinks out."

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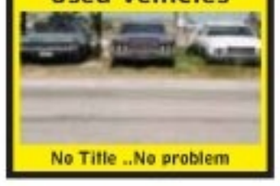

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